

March 15, 2004

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA
FOR THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, March 22, 2004 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 968-4474 or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Executive Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but

2. Information and discussion.

not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Executive Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

3. Approval of the February 9, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion of the Draft FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and Expenditures and Projects in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Staff will review the draft FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget that represents the budget document to-date. Additional information will be provided on the Walking and Bicycling in the 21st Century Conference Series, the School Crossing Safety Training Workshop, and the West Valley Needs Assessment project. Staff will discuss a request by the Arizona Department of Transportation for MAG to conduct a State funded transportation safety project. A revised dues and assessments schedule will be provided. Draft regional goals have been prepared for inclusion in the Work Program. These goals are in response to comments made by the Government Finance Officers Association's review of the FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, requesting overall goals to link projects in the Work Program. The revised draft of the work program will be provided at the meeting and the refinements currently being made to the work program will be reviewed. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Requested Revision to the Strategic Planning Project (Digital Oasis Initiative).

The FY 2004 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes \$150,000

3. Review and approve the February 9, 2004 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
4. Information, discussion and input on the development of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.
5. Approve the development of the Digital Oasis Initiative primarily in-house, using consultants only where necessary.

for the Strategic Planning Project (Digital Oasis Initiative). This project will define and identify high-bandwidth connected buildings, developments and residential communities in the MAG region to encourage trip reduction activities and stimulate further economic development. MAG staff has evaluated the tasks required and is requesting that the project be done in-house and to use consultants only where necessary. No additional staff is needed. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. 2004 Desert Peaks Awards Update

On October 22, 2003, the Regional Council approved restructuring the Desert Peaks Awards Program. The 2004 Desert Peaks Awards Program will be held at the Arizona Club and nominations are currently being accepted. Staff will discuss the planning process for the 2004 awards program and the awards categories for the program.

7. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative bills of importance to MAG. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Adjournment

6. For information, discussion and input on the Desert Peaks Awards Program.

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